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RE: Records Request

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

The Massachusetts Department of State Police ("Department") has received your request for State Police records concerning 'Automated License Plate Recognition Systems (ALPRS).'

The Department has identified records related to the Regional Resiliency Assessment Program as responsive to your request. Please note, however, the aforementioned records are, in their entirety, exempt from disclosure pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 4, §7, cl. 26 (n). Exemption (n) protects "records relating to the security or safety of persons or buildings, structures, facilities, utilities, transportation or other infrastructure located within the commonwealth, the disclosure of which, in the reasonable judgment of the custodian...is likely to jeopardize public safety."

The Department, in its reasonable judgment, believes the identified records, which detail the number and expected uses and/or deployment of ALPRS units (and that otherwise concern threats to and/or the vulnerability of critical infrastructure in and for the Commonwealth) fall into this category of exempt records.

Providing this material would undermine the intended purpose of the Program, notably, "the security or safety of persons or buildings, structures, facilities, utilities, transportation or other infrastructures."

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If you object to the Department's response to your request, you may appeal the Department's response in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 66, §10(b) and 950 CMR 32.00.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Glenn M. Rooney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "R".

Glenn M. Rooney
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